

Winter 2022

Town Hall Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Departments:
Administrative
Planning & Code Enforcement
Public Works

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Supervisors:

Kristy Rogers, Town Manager Stephanie Coulbourne, Town Clerk Tom Quass, Project Coordinator Derrick Harvey, Police Chief Greg Wingo, Public Works

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Non-Emergency 302-684-8500

ANY EMERGENCY, dial 9-1-1



TOWN OF MILTON NEWSLETTER

A note from the Mayor:

As 2022 has drawn to a close, the Mayor and Town Council look to 2023. The ensuing year looks to be a busy year. Milton experienced the beginning of what might be considered as unprecedented growth both residentially and commercially. So much is changing and will continue to change. The Town's current status recalls a quote by author Amanda Hale, "Change can be scary, but you know what's scarier? Allowing fear to stop you from growing, evolving, and progressing." I want to take a moment to reassure all Citizens, the Town of Milton will continue to take a smart, managed, and data driven approach to all facets of growth and improvements within the Town of Milton.

Much of what was announced in 2022 will continue in 2023. There are site plans to be reviewed and approved. The Milton Transportation Improvement District (TID) should be fully implemented. The Planning and Zoning Commission will be performing a 5-year review of the Comprehensive Plan. As Citizens, plan to attend the public hearings and meetings, and make verbal (or written) comments and recommendations as the Comprehensive Plan is a community plan and it requires YOUR input in order to truly reflect and serve the "vision" of the Community.

The Town has several grant applications for funding studies and projects. We will be completing a feasibility study for connecting Wagamon's West Shore to Town via Lavinia Street, and will be looking for funding to improve traffic patterns in Milton. With the passage of the Water Resource Development Act of 2022, we will be actively pursuing funding for resilience to flooding, sea level rise, and climatic change. As Mayor, I hope to begin a collaborative effort to create a Broadkill Conservation Area. There are many other ideas and initiatives being studied and given consideration, unfortunately space does not permit me to mention them all.

In closing, I want to remind those who have not registered with the Town to vote in municipal elections to please register before Thursday, February 2, 2023, at Milton Town Hall during regular business hours. Please confirm requirements for registration prior to visiting Town Hall. The annual election is Saturday, March 4, 2023. https://milton.delaware.gov/2022/12/08/2023-municipal-election-solicitation-of-candidates-notice/

Happy New Year!

Mayor and Councilmembers

- John Collier, Mayor
 Randi Meredith, Vice-Mayor
 Richard Baty, Secretary & Treasurer
 Lee Revis-Plank, Councilwoman
 Larry Savage, Councilman
 - Annette Babich, Councilwoman
 - Fred Harvey, Councilman

Monthly Meetings

- Town Council
- Historic Preservation
 Commission
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Board of Adjustment
 various Committees

*View the meeting agenda posted on the Town website or bulletin board 7days' in advance of the meeting for item(s), location, and time as meetings may vary.

Payments are accepted in Town Hall, after hour's drop-slot in the back-door entrance of Town Hall, or by visiting the town's online payment portal via our website at: milton.delaware.gov.

A few winter reminders:

<u>Plumbing Winterization Tips</u> — With the cold night temperatures, please make sure that your winter preparation list is complete. Listed below are a few home ready tips.

Inside Your Home

- * Keep the garage door closed if a bathroom or laundry room is located above or nearby to maintain maximum heat.
- * If pipes are located in an unheated garage, try to insulate the pipes. Local hardware or building supply stores offer appropriate pipe wrapping materials.
- * When bathroom and kitchen pipes run along an exterior wall, allow additional heat to circulate near the pipes. This means keep vanity and cabinet doors open, or possibly purchase a small space heater.
- * On nights when the temperature is expected to drop below freezing, turn on interior faucets that are near an exterior wall to create a small, steady drip. This eliminates the pressure that can build between the faucet and an ice blockage, to hopefully prevent a pipe from bursting.

Outside Your Home

- * Shut off and drain your irrigation system.
- * Disconnect and drain outside hoses and faucets. An overnight freeze can burst the pipe/faucet.
- * Seal and close crawl space vents, and fill any cracks in the foundation of your home. Filing holes and cracks can help stop the cold air from coming into contact with your water pipes.

Important! – Know the location of your water shutoff valve inside your home. Call Town Hall at the first sign of a water leak. Our Public Works Department can turn the main water supply off at the curb or shutoff valve.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER...

- * Snowfall exceeding 2 inches must be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall.(Chapter 183-54 of the Town Code)
- * Do not shovel snow from the sidewalks into the street. (Chapter 183-55 of the Town Code)
- * If possible, do not park on the street during snowfall so that snowplows can easily navigate to clear the streets.

A NOTE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR...

Many residents ask, "Why do the snowplow drivers always block my driveway after I have already shoveled out?" The answer is, "It's not done intentionally". The goal of snow plowing is to remove snow from the streets for vehicular traffic, including emergency vehicles. Snow plowing pushes the snow towards the right side of the plow which creates snow piling up in front of driveways and sometimes over sidewalks. Snow plow operators are unable to stop or raise the plow at every driveway as it creates another pile of snow in the roadway. Sometimes snow plowing is completed more than once during a snowfall because of drifting and/or accumulating snow. Residents are advised to wait to shovel snow until after plowing is complete. Please remember not to shovel snow into the streets or sidewalks. Your understanding is much appreciated.

| To sign-up for e-billing, please re | turn this information with your utility payment. |
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| Property Owner(s):Property Address: | |
| Phone Number:Email Address: | Secondary Phone Number: |
| *If you rent your property, and want to authorize the tenant to receive the e-bill, please provide the tenants contact information: | |
| Tenant Name(s): Tenant Phone Number (s): Tenant Email Address: | |